MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Statements containing the information asked for by the member are available for perusal in the office of the Secretary to the Council. They are too voluminous to be printed and laid on the table.

Measures against Snake poison in the Neyyattinkara Taluk.

392. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Regarding measures of relief against snake poison in the Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what they are;

(*b*) whether they have appointed any grant-in-aid physicians for the purpose who possess any special qualification therefor;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the names of those *vaidyans*, their special qualifications and the places where they are stationed;

(*d*) whether they are aware that, in the pakuties of Ottasekharamangalam and Perunkadavila, death from snake-bite is frequent; and

(*e*) whether the people of those places have complained to them and prayed for necessary aid in the direction?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There are two State—recognised *Visha Vaidyasalas* in the taluk, one at Pachallur and the other at Perunkadavila. The grant-in-aid *vaidyan* in the Neyyattinkara town is also expected to afford relief to patients suffering from snake-bite.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this question does not arise.

(*d*) The Government are not aware.

(*e*) A petition was received for the award of grant-in-aid to *Visha Vaidyan* V. Paramesvaran Nayar of Ottasekharamangalam.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to the answer to part (*e*), may I know what action has been taken on the petition?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That has been referred to the Director of Ayurveda and he has reported to say that the applicant is not a qualified hand.

Homeopathic Treatment.

393. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action on the resolution passed in the Legislative Council in 1103 regarding the encouragement by the Government of the Homeopathic system of treatment, and, if not, the reasons therefor?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the consideration is as regards the details of the action or as to whether any action may be taken or not?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question as a whole has been referred to the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I take it that the Government have not as yet decided to take any action?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, the Government have already taken action.

Devesvaram Tank at Kilimanur.

394. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the present condition of the Devesvaram tank at Kilimanur, in the Chirayinkil taluk;

(*b*) how many *paras* of paddy fields could be irrigated if this tank is properly kept; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the crops raised on about one thousand *paras* of paddy lands failed on account of the failure of this tank?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The tank, which is *uranmai*, is out of repair. It has neither a regulating sluice nor a permanent surplus escape. There is only one massive bund for the south side which is encroached upon and has been cultivated with tapioca and betel. All the other three sides are elevated high ground.

(*b*) About 40 acres.

(*c*) The Government are not aware.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir whether the Government will be acting within their rights if they proceed to remove the encroachments and construct the sluice on the southern bund of the tank so that the lands in question may be irrigated by means of this tank?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The tank is in the Kilimanur pakuti and the question is not free from difficulty. The suggestion made by the member may not be practicable.

The Mundadi Chira.

395. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the petitions and other requests sent to the Government showing the necessity and advantage of breaking open the Mundadi *chira* in the Varattar river in the Tiruvamandur pakuti in the Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) whether they have made any enquiry with regard to it?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table the files of correspondence, if any, relating to this matter?

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